

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-13 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record to the examiner's knowledge does not teach or render obvious the instant invention, particularly characterized in claim 1 by the limitation of a forming a curable silicone composition for a semiconductor device sealing step using compression molding comprising an organopolysiloxane having at least two alkenyl groups per molecule, wherein the siloxane units have a formula of $\text{RSiO}_{3/2}$, where R is a univalent hydrocarbon group, and an organopolysiloxane having at least two silicon-bonded hydrogen atoms per molecule, wherein the siloxane units have the formula $\text{R}'\text{SiO}_{3/2}$, where R' is a hydrogen atom or univalent hydrocarbon that is free of aliphatic unsaturated carbon-carbon bonds. Claims 2-13 depend on claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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